

With reference to FIGS. 4-7, the pontoon 30 also preferably includes one or more splash fins **46**, a keel **48**, and a plurality of deck uprights **50**. The fins, keel, and uprights are also preferably of aluminum construction and attached as by welding to the exterior of the pontoon 30. With reference to FIG 7, a pair of the pontoons 30 may be secured in a desired orientation as by welding cross bars **52** between adjacent ones of the deck uprights 50. A deck **54**, preferably of marine grade plywood, may be secured to the crossbars 52, as by bolts or other fasteners, to yield a boat, such as pontoon boat **56** shown in FIG. 8.

Page 16, amend the second paragraph as follows:

As mentioned previously, the lower roller support system 118 inhibits deflection of the lower rollers 102 and 104, such deflection generally being a downward deflection away from the roller 106. Absent the lower support system 118, the rollers 102 and 104 will each have a bow or curvature of at least about 1 inch when under load. Thus, absent the lower roller support system 118 and the anti-deflection system 112, the rollers 102-106 would each deflect at least about 1 inch and result in a cylinder having a deflection in excess of about 1 inch and generally at least about 3 inches.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 9-17 are pending. Claims 1-8 are canceled without prejudice.